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This weekend, we will take some time to celebrate, cherish, and reflect on conservation efforts to help protect our planet.

While Earth Day happens once a year, it's our everyday actions, and the habits we form, that clean the air we breathe, reduce greenhouse emissions, and preserve our planet for future generations.

Here in the 13th District, we are working together to improve our neighborhoods and protect our environment. In 2016 alone, we planted more than 200 trees and funded a Clean Team that clears gutters and storm drains of debris, keeping trash from entering the Los Angeles River and the ocean.

On the policy side, we took a stand on the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline, and we are looking at ways to divest taxpayer funds from banks that support projects that harm our environment and tribal lands. We are also establishing an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District for the Los Angeles River, which will provide revenue to restore the natural environment.

We have so much to celebrate this Earth Day, and I hope you will join me this weekend at one of the following events across the the City:

[LA Sanitation Earth Day Celebration](#)

[Friends of the LA River 28th Annual Cleanup](#)

[Friends of Atwater Elementary Beautification Day](#)

See you on Earth Day!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mitch'.

Mitch O'Farrell

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## COMING UP

FRI-SUN 4/21-4/23 [CineArte 2017 Latinx Queer Film Festival](#)

SUN 4/23 [Opening Reception for C.O.L.A Individual Artists Program](#)

TUES 4/25 [HHH Oversight Committee Special Meeting](#)

MON 5/1 [90th Anniversary of the Chinese Theatre](#)

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## HEADLINES

LA Council makes it harder to take rent controlled units off market [[CURBED](#)]

Vacant lot to be transformed into new garden [[BEVERLY PRESS](#)]

Elysian Valley restaurant lands on 'best' list [[EATER LA](#)]

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## COUNCILMEMBER IN YOUR CORNER



RAMPART VILLAGE - Councilmember O'Farrell will hold his next community walk on Saturday April 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m., at the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, 540 Commonwealth Avenue. During the event, we will participate in a community beautification project as we reflect on the 25th Anniversary of the Los Angeles Riots.

[MORE INFO](#)

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## MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY '17-'18

CITY HALL - Mayor Eric Garcetti released his proposed budget during his annual State of the City address last Thursday. The City Council's *Budget and Finance* Committee will discuss the budget over the next several weeks, and the full City Council will vote to approve the budget in June.

[READ MORE.](#)

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## PATH BREAKS GROUND ON HOUSING



RAMPART VILLAGE - People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) broke ground Thursday on the Metro Villas project. The project will provide 190 permanent supportive/affordable housing units in three housing development complexes, along with necessary services.

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## TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE



SILVER LAKE -- Motorists and pedestrians have been noticing patches of dried weeds and debris along this busy stretch of Sunset Boulevard. The Clean Team



went to work and spruced up the area. See a section of your neighborhood that needs attention? Contact Sylvan De La Cruz in our District Office at 213-207-3015

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## CELEBRATING OUR LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS



VAN NUYS CITY HALL - The Los Angeles City Council recognized the dedication, hard work, and generosity of more than 6250 volunteers who gave the Los Angeles Public Library system more than 16,000 hours of service in the past year, valued at more than \$4,500,000!

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



CITY HALL - Councilmember O'Farrell and the Department of Cultural Affairs hosted ArtsDayLA to celebrate the contributions of arts and culture in our communities.



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